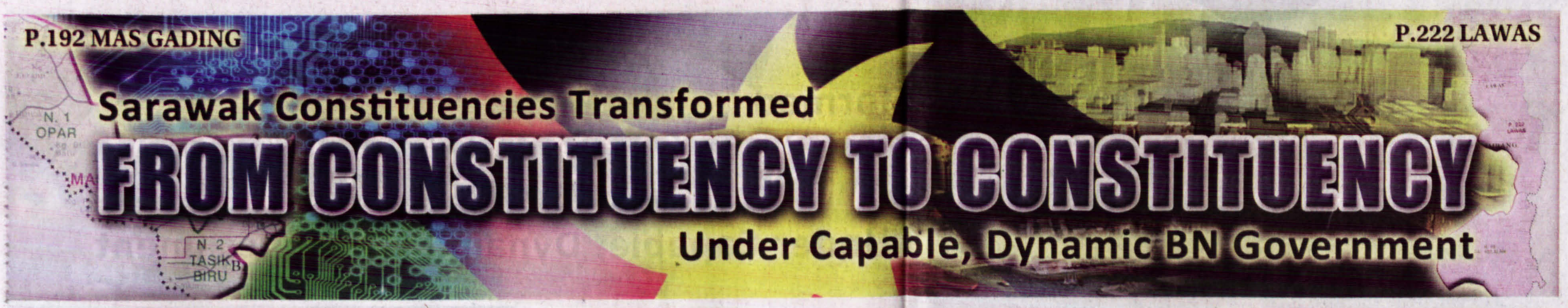


KOTA SAMARAHAN (P.197)

Quality education at your doorstep

KOTA Samarahan's famous landmark, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) Campus which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2012 impresses foreign tourists and the locals alike with its vastness, magnificent buildings, good roads and beautiful landscape.

KOTA SAMARAHAN (P.197)

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY

Member of Parliament

Incumbent:
DATO SRI SULAIMAN ABDUL RAHMAN ABDUL TAIB (BN-PBB)

Last 8 March, 2008 Election Result:

1. Dato Sri Sulaiman Abdul Rahman b. Abdul Taib (BN-PBB) ..... 15,559 votes
2. Hussain b. Abang Apok (PKR) ..... 4,148 votes
3. Awg Bakar b. Awg Daud (Independent) ..... 898 voters

Majority ..... 11, 411 votes

BY GOH PEI PEI

HARDLY anyone calls the place 'Muara Tuang' anymore as Kota Samarahan, like a galloping horse, races gallantly with its neighbour Kuching City towards becoming another bustling commercial, educational hub.

Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) with its sprawling, impressive campus is perhaps to be credited for bringing Samarahan into prominence. Now in its 20th year of establishment in the State, the university together with other educational institutions including Universiti of Teknoloji MARA (UiTM) and Tun Abdul Razak Teachers Training College has attracted many international students to Samarahan. Unimas has recently earned the distinction of being ranked the 165th university among the top 500 universities in Asia by QS Asian University Rankings.

The success story of Kota Samarahan which now has a 300,000 population and still growing is an example of the BN government's foresight to turn and nurture the state's many rural towns into larger, populated, modern townships.

NAIM Housing Sdn Bhd, a well-established and reputable property developer, has successfully developed several big commercial, residential housing estates in Samarahan to meet the growing demand of the influx of people in recent years.

Under construction and expected to be completed by the end of 2012 is a new landmark the 'Summer Shopping Mall' which will have 234 retail outlets including cinema, food court, amusement centres, fashion houses, bookstores and others.

The Kuching-Kota Samarahan Expressway which shortens the distance between the two towns by 11 kilometres, as compared to the old Kuching-Muara Tuang road, is a major contributor to the rapid development in Kota Samarahan.

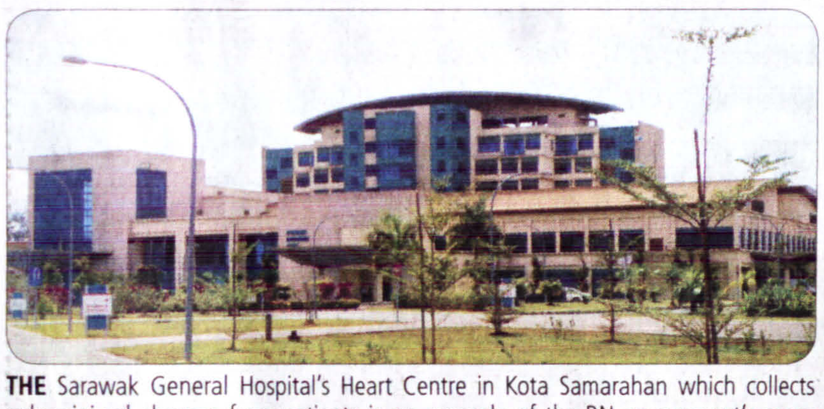
More and more government departments, agencies and organisations are expected to set up their office in Kota Samarahan because of its growing population and strategic location.

Those already there include Sarawak General Hospital Heart Centre, National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN) Sarawak Campus and Sarawak Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority (SALCRA).

There is also the Sarawak Club Golf Branch complete with a fully-furnished clubhouse, 18-hole golf course, 20-bay driving range and Olympic-sized salt water swimming pool.

AN artist impression of the Summer Shopping Mall that is still under construction near Desa Ilmu Commercial Centre.

Its close proximity to the State Capital, Kuching and magnetic educational, medical facilities are certain to catch the attention of enterprising investors and entrepreneurs in a big way.



THE Sarawak General Hospital's Heart Centre in Kota Samarahan which collects only minimal charges from patients is an example of the BN government's many initiatives to provide affordable or free services for the common people.

DESA Ilmu Commercial Centre, one of several shophouse development projects developed by NAIM Holdings Bhd to meet the growing business needs in Kota Samarahan.

RABIAH binti Wang (third left) has been nominated as BN-PBB candidate to defend Kota Samarahan seat in the 13th general election. Also seen in the picture are Dato Sri Haji Mohammad Ali Mahmud (centre), Sarawak Administration Officer Mohammad Hadi Datuk Haji Bolhen (left), Samarahan Division Resident Haji Mohammad Ismail Hanis (third right), Samarahan District Officer Mohammad Ainnie Haji Wahab (second right) and Temenggung Haji Chek Bujang (right) before the launch of the final category of the Samarahan Bike Challenge 2013.
PHOTO: MARVIN KUDANG SAWING

THE imposing and uniquely-designed SALCRA Building in Kota Samarahan. Many organisations, firms and government agencies are making their presence felt in the fast-growing Kota Samarahan parliamentary constituency.

TUN Abdul Razak Teachers Training College sits in a scenic location in Kota Samarahan.